

World History
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Columbus Day vs. Indigenous Peoples Day Essay

Introduction: You have been invited to join a debate on Capitol Hill to answer the question: ***Should Columbus Day be celebrated or abolished as a National Holiday?*** To prepare for your involvement in the discussion you must complete research to form your side of the argument and **write an essay to support your side.** Read through the evidence provided in the documents. Determine your opinion and select information that directly supports your side or refutes the opposition's side of the argument. **Your essay must include specific evidence from the three sources below to support your claim.**

Sources:

- "Did Columbus Kill Most of the Indians?"
- "Columbus Fact vs. Fiction" OSIA Report
- Howard Zinn's *Columbus, the Indians, and Human Progress*.
- One additional source for Native American research.

Prompt: ***Should Columbus Day be Celebrated or Abolished as a National Holiday?***

- What are some of Christopher Columbus' accomplishments, if any?
- Why is Columbus Day celebrated in the United States?
- Why is Christopher Columbus and the celebration of Christopher Columbus Day controversial?
- Do you believe Columbus Day should be celebrated today?
- Name an indigenous/Native American group that you believe should be taught in school. Describe their history, culture, depopulation, and examples of resistance against Europeans.

Requirements:

- Respond to ALL the questions above.
- Your essay should be in MLA format.
- Times New Roman size 12 font
- Double space
- 1-inch margins
- Minimum two full pages
- Due Monday 10/23/2017